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Berne, March 13.

ON the 8th Inſtant our Sovereign Council of Two Hundred met to chuſe their Deputies, which they reſolved in a former Meeting to ſend to the Biſhop of Porentru, to exhort him to come to an Agreement with his Subjects of the City of Bienne. Four of their Members were elected accordingly, two of which are of the Senate or Little Council, and two of the Great Council of this Republick; and they are to ſet out from hence ſoon after Eaſter. A Secretary has been here for ſome Days from the Canton of Zurich, with a Project for compoſing ſome Differences ariſen lately between the Biſhop of Conſtance and the Canton of Glaris on one Part, and that of Zurich on the other, about the Right of Collation of the Cure of Mulheim, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this State, which has ſince communicated the ſaid Project to thoſe of Glaris, to be informed of their Pretenſions; after which they will proceed to a Reſolution in that Matter.

Paris, March 20. On the 11th Inſtant a Declaration was publiſhed which directs a Diminution of the Species: It began to take Effect in this City To-Day, and on the 1ſt of April is to be put in Execution in the Provinces. The Lewis d'Ors are already reduced one Eighth of the Value they went at Yeſterday, and all other Gold Coins are reduced in the ſame Proportion. On the 1ſt of April they are to be reduced another Eighth of their Value; and on the 1ſt of May next the Uſe of Gold Coins is to be entirely aboliſhed, and after the 1ſt of June not to be received at the Mints, but are to be confiſcated wherever they are found, with all the Moveables of the Perſon to whom they ſhall belong. On the 1ſt of April next the Silver Species are likewiſe to be lowered, viz. the Crown Piece which now goes for eight Livres, to ſeven; on the 1ſt of May next to ſix Livres 10 Sols; on the 1ſt of June to ſix Livres; on the 1ſt of July to five Livres 10 Sols; and on the 1ſt of Auguſt all the Silver Coins, except the Livres and Pieces of leſs Value, are to ceaſe to be current; however, they may be brought to the Mints till the 1ſt of January 1721, but after that time are to be Subject to Confiſcation where-ever they are found, and alſo all the Moveables of the Perſon to whom they ſhall belong. This Declaration ordains, that the Species which are therein directed to be carried to the Mints and Bank, ſhall not be Subject to Seizure in their Way thither. The Livres which go now for 30 Sols are likewiſe to be reduced in May next to 27, in June to 25, in July to 22, in Auguſt to 20, in September to 17, in October to 15, in November to 12, and in December to 10 Sols; and the half Livre Pieces in Proportion. An Ordinance has lately been publiſhed to prevent the French Veſſels which Trade with the French Iſlands in the Weſt-Indies taking in any Goods or Merchandize from foreign Veſſels, in order to ſell the ſame in the ſaid Iſlands. This Ordinance condemns to the Gallies for Life, the Captains or Factors of Ships who ſhall be guilty of that Practice. An Arrêt has alſo been publiſhed for permitting the Importation of Tobacco from the Havana and the Levant. It lays a Duty upon it of 200 Livres the Hundred Weight of Havana Tobacco, and 72 Livres the Hundred Weight of that from the Levant, and diſcharges the ſaid Tobaccos from all other Duties laid on them by former Arrêts. In order to hinder the Exportation of Corn out of the Kingdom, an Arrêt is newly publiſhed, which trebles the Duty already payable by the Exporter: At the ſame time to encourage the bringing of Cattle into the Kingdom, the Duty of Importation is reduced to one third.

Hague, March 19. Yeſterday in the Afternoon the Earl of Cadogan ſigned with the Imperial, French, Spaniſh and Sardinian Miniſters, the Inſtruments of the King of Sardinia's Admiſſion to his Catholick Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Treaty of London. Yeſterday his Excellency ſent away the greateſt Part of his Baggage, in order to ſet out himſelf for the Court of Berlin To-Morrow in the Afternoon, by the Way of Amſterdam. The States of the Province of Holland ſeparated on the 16th Inſtant, without having done any other publick Buſineſs, than diſpoſing of the vacant Employments.

Dover, March 13. The Earl Stanhope having imbarked on a Packet-Boat, ſet Sail for Calais at 10 a-Clock laſt Night, with a fine Gale of Wind at S. W.